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re patent application of:

Tiziano Dall'Occo et al.

Serial No.: 09/914,305

Examiner: Rip Lee *(he)*

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Art Unit: 1713

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ETHYLENE POLYMERS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, a Petition and fee for a one month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 16-19 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A process for the preparation of polymers of ethylene comprising the polymerization reaction of ethylene and optionally one or more olefins in the presence of a catalyst comprising the product obtained by contacting:

(A) a metallocene compound of formula (I):

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